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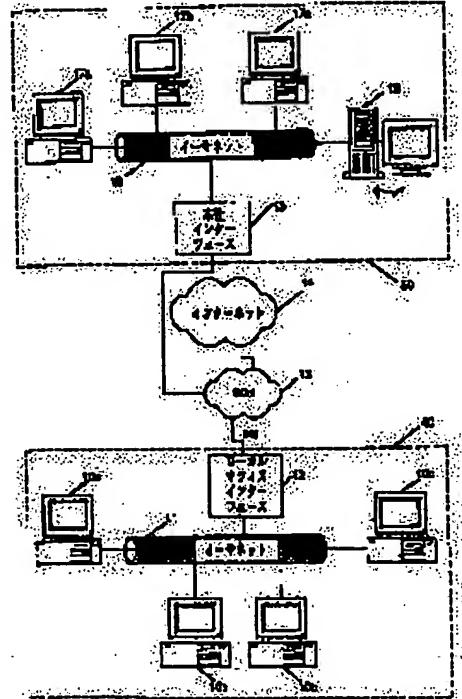
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## (54) DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERFACE

(57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide equipment which reduce communication costs by controlling a time at which a request for information from a client application is sent to a server through a communication line.

**SOLUTION:** An interface 12 is provided between one or more of clients 10a, 10b, 10c, and 10d, and a server 18 which are connected through a communication line 13. The interface 12 receives a request for information from the server 18 from a client and the transmission of the request to the server 18 is controlled according to a specific standard. If the request is not transmitted from the client to the server 18, the interface 12 generates an answer to the client which shows that there is no information which can be obtained from the server.



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